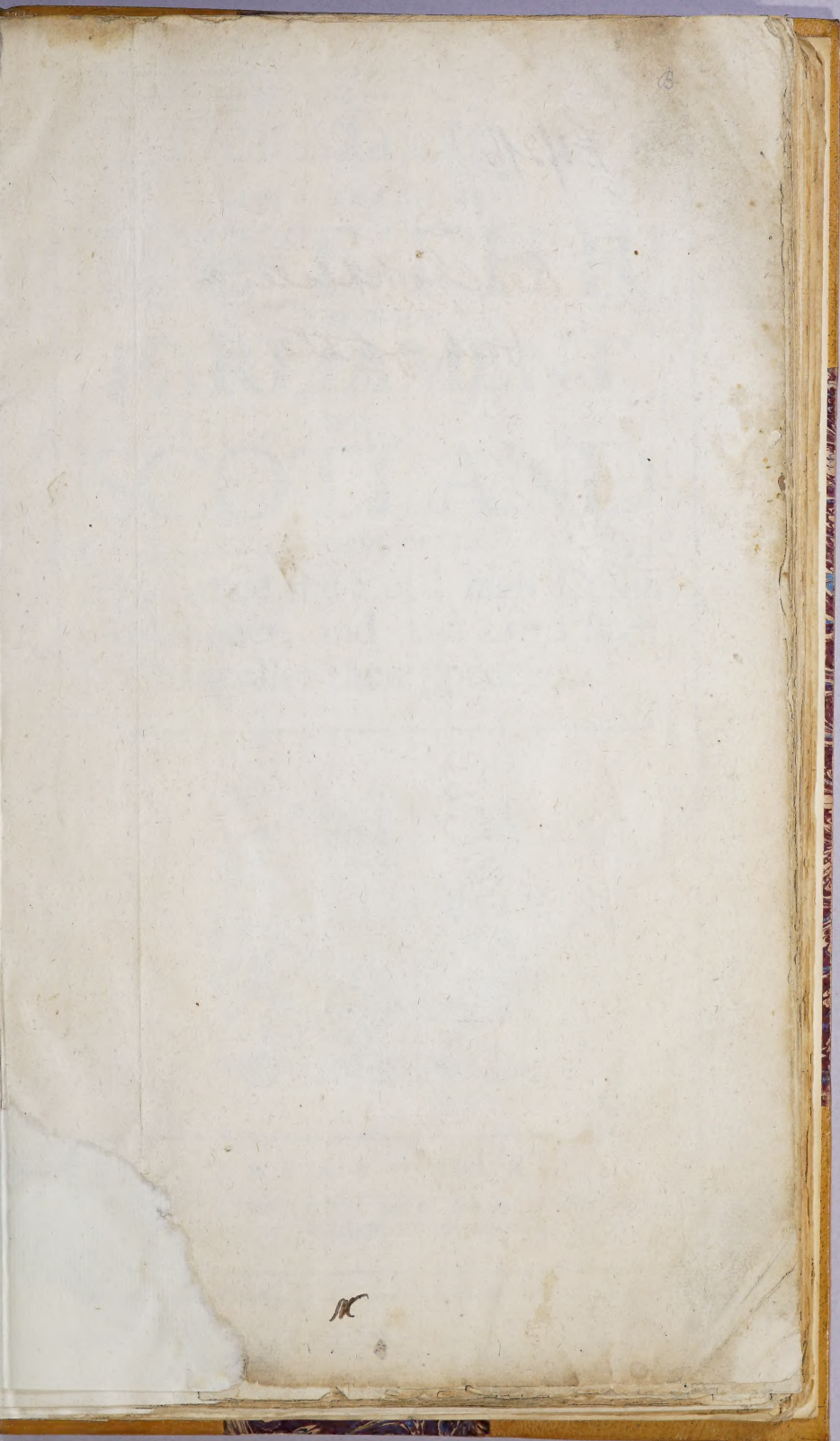




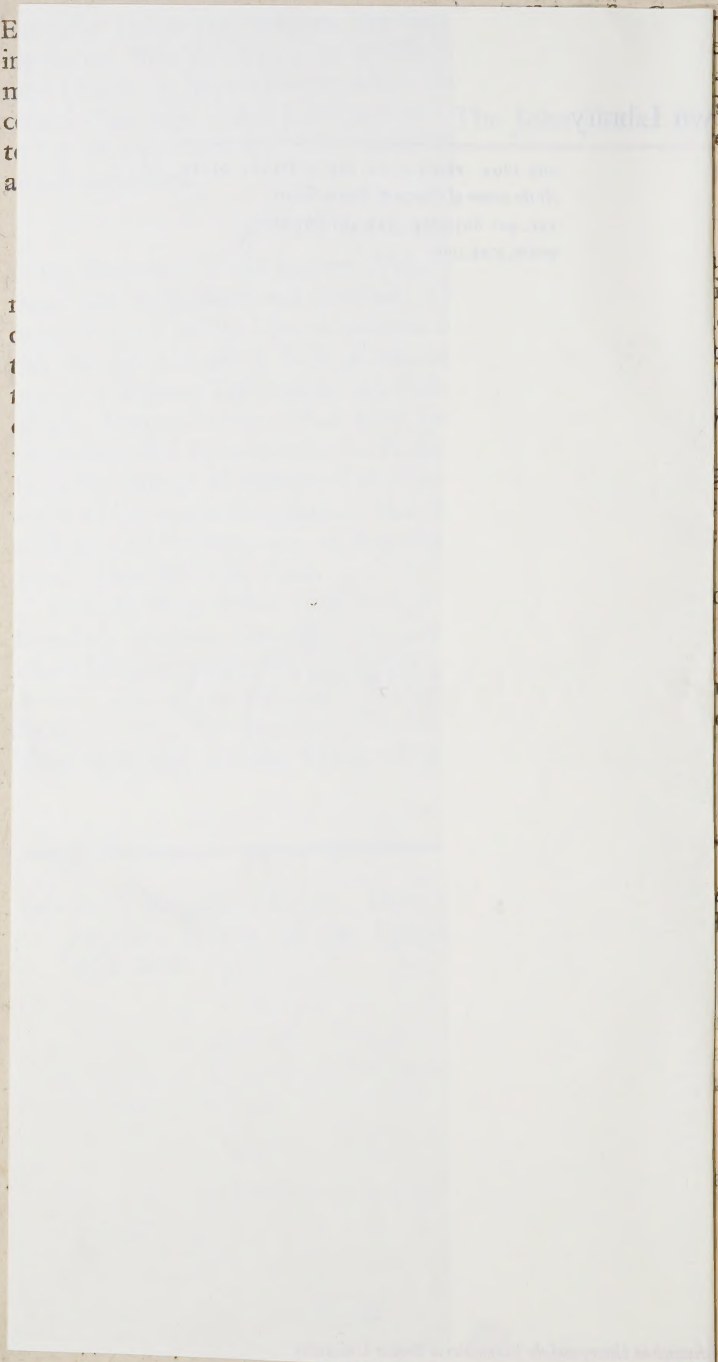
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PARLIAMENT,

On Tuesday the Twenty eighth Day of January 1706.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HAVING acquainted you at the Opening of this Session, that the Treaty for an Union between *England* and *Scotland*, which had been concluded here by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, in pursuance of the Powers given by the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, was then under the Consideration of the Parliament of *Scotland*, I can now, with great satisfaction, Inform You, that the said Treaty has been Ratified by Act of Parliament in *Scotland* with some Alterations and Additions.

I have Directed the Treaty agreed to by the Commissioners of both Kingdoms, and also the Act of Ratification from *Scotland*, to be laid before You, and I hope it will meet with Your Concurrence and Approbation.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

It being agreed by this Treaty, that *Scotland* is to have an Equivalent for what that Kingdom is obliged to contribute towards paying the Debts of *England*, I must Recommend to you, that in case you agree to the Treaty, you would take care to provide for the payment of the Equivalent to *Scotland* accordingly.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You have now an Opportunity before you, of putting the last Hand to a happy Union of the two Kingdoms, which I hope will be a lasting Blessing to the whole Island, a great Addition to its Wealth and Power, and a firm Security to the Protestant Religion.

The Advantages which will accrue to Us all from an Union are so Apparent, that I will add no more, but that I shall look upon it as a particular Happiness, if this great Work, which has been so often attempted without Success, can be brought to Perfection in my Reign.

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